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**Statement by Governor Jan Brewer**  
*Flags Lowered in Honor of Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Kyler L. Estrada*

"I ask that all Arizonans join me in prayer today as we mourn the loss of a true Arizona hero. On Tuesday, February 14, Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Kyler L. Estrada, 21, was killed during a training incident in the Republic of Djibouti, where he had been supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Petty Officer Estrada, a Navy hospital corpsman, had been assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton, California. He was a resident of Maricopa and graduate of Queen Creek High School.

"This tragic death is a stark reminder of the risk which our men and women in uniform face on a daily basis as they carry out their mission to protect our nation. I ask that you say a prayer for Petty Officer Estrada and his wife and family during this difficult time. Please also keep in your thoughts the other brave members of our armed forces. Their service and sacrifice to the United States of America can never be taken for granted nor forgotten.

"In honor of Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Kyler L. Estrada, I have ordered that all state flags be flown at half-staff until sunset today, February 16, 2012. Additionally, I will ask that flags be lowered on the day of Petty Officer Estrada's interment, for which arrangements are pending."

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